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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-4351-N-11]

**Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

**DATES:** Comments are due February 12, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Reports Liaison Officer, Office of Policy Development and Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Room 8226, Washington, DC 20410.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert A. Knight, Social Science Analyst, 451 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202)-708-1060, Ext. 5893. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of the proposed forms and other available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. Knight.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department will submit the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended).

This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of

appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This Notice also lists the following information:

*Title of Proposal:* Survey of Market Absorption of New Apartment Buildings.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* The Survey of Market Absorption provides the data necessary to measure the rate at which new rental apartments and new condominium apartments are absorbed, that is, taken off the market, usually by being rented or sold, over the course of the first twelve months following completion of a building. The data are collected at quarterly intervals until the twelve months expire or until the units in a building are completely absorbed. The survey also provides estimates of certain characteristics, i.e., asking rent/price, number of bedrooms, of apartments being absorbed, which provides a basis for analyzing the degree to which new apartment construction is meeting the present and future needs of the public.

*Members of affected public:* Business firms (builders and rental agents).

*Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:*

*Number of respondents:* 12,000 (maximum).

*Frequency of response:* four times (maximum).

*Time per respondent:* .3 hours.

*Total hours:* 3,600.

*Status of the proposed information collection:* Pending OMB approval.

**Authority:** Title 12, United States Code, Section 1701Z, as amended.

Dated: December 2, 1998.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Fish and Wildlife Service****Availability of a Habitat Conservation Plan and Receipt of an Application for an Incidental Take Permit for the Zanker Material Processing Facility, Santa Clara County, California**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** Zanker Road Resource Management, Ltd. has applied to the Fish and Wildlife Service for an incidental take permit pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The Service proposes to issue a 3-year permit to Zanker Road Resource Management, Ltd. that would authorize take of the endangered salt marsh harvest mouse (*Reithrodontomys raviventris*) incidental to otherwise lawful activities. Such take would occur during reconstruction of an existing unengineered levee system surrounding a landfill site in Santa Clara County, California. Reconstruction of the levees will result in the temporary loss of approximately 0.83 acres of grassland habitat used by the salt marsh harvest mouse.

We request comments from the public on the permit application, which is available for review. The application includes a Habitat Conservation Plan (Plan). The Plan describes the proposed project and the measures that Zanker Road Resource Management, Ltd. would undertake to minimize and mitigate project impacts to the salt marsh harvest mouse.

We also request comments on our preliminary determination that the Plan qualifies as a "low-effect" Habitat Conservation Plan, eligible for a categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act. The basis for this determination is discussed in an Environmental Action Statement, which is also available for public review.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before January 13, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to Mr. Wayne White, Field Supervisor, Fish and Wildlife Service, 3310 El Camino Avenue, Suite 130, Sacramento, California 95821-6340. Comments may be sent by facsimile to 916-979-2744.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Lori Rinek or Mr. William Lehman, Fish and Wildlife Biologists, at the above address or call (916) 979-2129.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Document Availability**

Please contact the above office if you would like copies of the application, Plan, and Environmental Action Statement. Documents also will be available for review by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

**Background**

Section 9 of the Endangered Species Act and Federal regulation prohibit the "take" of fish or wildlife species listed as endangered or threatened,